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1   Reference is made to the following documents:

D1:   WO 03/073730A (EUSCHER CHRISTOPH; SCHMIDT MALTE (DE);
KARGER STEPHAN (DE); LANGEFELD) 4 September 2003 (2003-09-04)

2   Document Dl discloses (the references in parentheses relate to this document) in
agreement with the features recited in claim 1
a method for setting up a communication link from a first telecommunication device
to a second telecommunication device via a telecommunication network (see
abstract, as well as Figure 1), comprising the following steps:
–   Storing of at least one multimedia object of a telecommunication user in the
second telecommunication device, together with a respective reference number (page
7, lines 28-36);
–   Specifying an allocation map, having at least one data record, indicating the
allocation of a specific call recipient to a specific reference number of a multimedia
object (page 7, lines 28-36);
–   Sending a connection setup request from the first telecommunication device
allocated to the first telecommunication user to the telecommunication network,
which request indicates that a communication link is to be set up from the first
telecommunication device to the second telecommunication device allocated to a
selected call recipient (page 4, lines 12-17);
–   Using the allocation map, determining the reference number specified for the
selected call recipient (page 5, lines 16-37);
–   Transmitting a call signal to the second telecommunication device, together with
display information, as a function of the determined reference number (page 6, lines
9-12);
–   The playing of a multimedia object by the second telecommunication device
whose reference number corresponds to the display information (page 6, lines 12-35).

It should be mentioned in this context that the allocation in D1 is established in such a way that the telephone number simultaneously corresponds to the reference number.

Thus, D1 includes all the features recited in **claim 1**, which consequently means that this claim is not new and therefore **does not meet the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT.**

3. It can further be observed that even if the applicant put forward the argument that claim 1 were novel on the basis of minor changes compared with the cited document D1 (in particular if a caller is allocated more than one multimedia-object and consequently more than one reference number comes into consideration), the solution defined in claim 1 would include no inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) compared with the disclosure of D1, since D1 also describes the assignment of different identifications (page 9, final paragraph). In this case the use of a reference in order to grant a corresponding allocation merely represents one of several obvious possibilities.

4. The subject matter of the dependent **claims 2-11** is either known directly from the above-cited prior art (D1) and consequently is **not novel** (Article 33(2) PCT) or merely represents obvious design options which can be derived without difficulty from D1 and therefore reveal **no inventive step** (Article 33(3) PCT).

5. The independent **claim 12** merely refers to a telecommunication arrangement which is configured to perform the method steps defined in claims 1-11.
Claim 12 therefore contains no further technical features, so this claim cannot be considered novel (Article 33(2) PCT) or inventive (Article 33(3) PCT) according to the objections raised in paragraphs 2-4.

6. The following points should also be taken into account:

a) The prior art according to the above-cited document D1 is not referred to in the introduction to the description (Rule 5.1 a) ii) PCT).

b)   The independent claims 1 and 12 are not presented in the two-part format (Rule 6.3 b) PCT) according to which the features known from a document which represents the prior art (Dl) belong in the preamble (Rule 6.3 b) i) PCT) and the remaining features belong in the characterizing part (Rule 6.3 b) ii) PCT).